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West Virginia Turkeys Raised Down

West Virginia ---The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in West Virginia during 2002 is 3.6 million birds, down 500,000 or 12 percent from last year.

United States ---The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2002 is 270 million, down 1 percent from the number raised during 2001.

The following six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2002:

North Carolina, at 44.5 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any state, and shows a 3 percent increase from last year.

Minnesota ranks second with 44.0 million birds, the same as 2001.

Arkansas is in third place by producing 29.0 million birds, 7 percent more than a year ago.

Missouri growers expect to produce 24.0 million birds in 2002, unchanged from the previous year.

Virginia, at 20.0 million birds is down 17 percent from 2001.

California expects to raise 17.7 million turkeys, 5 percent less than a year earlier.

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